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SUBJ: SECURITY COUNCIL ACTIONS IN JANUARY

1. AT A RECEPTION JANUARY 12, NIGERIAN PERMREP HARRIMAN
AFFORDED A SOMEWHAT CLEARER PICTURE OF MISOFF (GRAHAM) OF
WHAT MAY LIE AHEAD IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL THIS MONTH.

2. REGARDING RHODESIA, THE NIGERIANS APPEAR TO BE HEADING ON
TWO TRACKS. THE FIRST, AND MOST IMPORTANT TO THEM, REPORTEDLY
WILL BE SUBSTANTIVE DEBATE AND SUBSEQUENT DRAFT RESOLUTION
CONDEMNING AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT IN ADVANCE. HARRIMAN
CRITICIZED "THE FIRE-BREATHING TACTICS OF THE LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS" FOR DESTROYING THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE HAD SUCH A
RESOLUTION LAST MARCH AND VOWED HIS INTENTION NOT TO SEE
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ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY SLIP AWAY. WHILE HARRIMAN EXPRESSED
SOME RESERVATION ABOUT THE STRENGTH OF US OBJECTIONS TO AN
INTERNAL SETTLEMENT, HE WAS FAR MORE VOCAL IN HIS CRITI-
CISMS OF THE BRITISH. IT WOULD BE FAIR TO SAY THAT THE
MAJOR PURPOSE OF HIS "FIRST TRACK" WOULD BE TO BOX THE
BRITISH INTO A FIRM COMMITMENT TO OPPOSE AN INTERNAL
SETTLEMENT.

3. HARRIMAN'S SECOND TRACK REPORTEDLY WILL BE TO DISCUSS THE SANCTIONS COMMITTEE'S INTERIM REPORT IN COUNCIL. WHEN MISOFF ASKED IF THAT DISCUSSION WOULD CULMINATE IN ACTION ON OIL, HARRIMAN SAID: "I CAN'T REVEAL ALL MY STRATEGIES TO YOU AT ONCE."

4. REGARDING SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION ON SOUTH AFRICA IN JANUARY, NIGERIAN MISOFF FISHER TOLD MISOFF THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN DEBATE WOULD PROBABLY BE SCHEDULED FOR THE END OF THE MONTH. IT WOULD LAST TWO OR THREE DAYS. OPTIONS FOR DRAFT RESOLUTIONS WERE STILL BEING DISCUSSED WITHIN THE AFRICAN GROUP. A RESOLUTION ON DENUCLEARIZATION OF AFRICA DRAWING ON NIGERIAN WORK IN THE FIRST COMMITTEE WAS ONE CLEAR POSSIBILITY. ANOTHER WAS THE "SWEDISH RESOLUTION" ON NEW INVESTMENTS, WITH A POSSIBLE FALLBACK TO A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR CESSATION OF GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED CREDITS.

5. REGARDING LONGER RANGE TIMING, HARRIMAN SAID THAT JANUARY COULD WELL BE THE "LAST CHANCE" FOR SUBSTANTIVE COUNCIL ACTION ON SOUTHERN AFRICA FOR SOME TIME. AFRICANS, HE SAID, WOULD BE AFRAID TO PROMOTE ANY RESOLUTIONS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA DURING THE RUSSIAN COUNCIL PRESIDENCY IN FEBRUARY FOR FEAR THE RUSSIANS WOULD SEIZE ANY OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLICATE OR END THE ROLE OF PREM CHAND. NO ACTION, SAID HARRIMAN, COULD BE EXPECTED DURING THE MARCH AND CONFIDENTIAL

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